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Nominate a significant heritage place for listing | nominations close 9 February 2022

The Australian Government is inviting Australians to nominate the sites they would like to see added to the National Heritage List and Commonwealth Heritage List.

National Heritage List

The National Heritage List includes 119 exceptional cultural, historic and natural places that contribute to Australia's national identity. National heritage defines the critical moments in our development as a nation and reflects the richness of Australia's natural heritage, as well as the achievements, sorrows, and joys in the lives of Australians.

Commonwealth Heritage List

The Commonwealth Heritage List (CHL) contains nearly 400 places of Indigenous, historic, and natural value. The Australian Government acts as a custodian of heritage on Commonwealth Land and works together with Commonwealth agencies and local communities to celebrate and protect the places that are important to us.

To find out more or to nominate a place, visit: www.awe.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/places/nominating-heritage-place

(From ICOMOS Email News per favour of Max Underhill).

Historic Nowra Bridge- a new lift for the old Nowra bridge

The 1881 heritage-listed whipple truss bridge across the Shoalhaven River at Nowra is an unofficial gateway to the South Coast and one of its heritage icons. The historic bridge has carried traffic for 140 years but will begin a new phase in its life to carry pedestrians and cyclists when the new bridge now being built is open.

Watch the video in the link to find out what is involved in repurposing, what constraints there are, and what opportunities it could create.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is after feedback and ideas from the community, stakeholders, businesses, transport customers, and visitors. In particular, TfNSW want to know what the

bridge could be used for and what else we can be done to create a sustainable, flexible and exciting future for the historic bridge.

Feedback is open from Thursday 9 December until Friday 4 February 2022.

<https://rom-southernprojects.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/j/0DCF4E594015CAFD2540EF23F30FEDED/95E1B85148BA1D8E38A555EB6E97B45B?alternativeLink=False>

(From William Phippen).

NSW hearing on the Heritage Act Review

The Parliament of New South Wales, Standing Committee on Social Issues recently held an **inquiry into a review of the *Heritage Act 1977 (the Act)***, which considered the effectiveness of the current Act and a need for any legislative change.

Engineers Australia made a **submission** to the inquiry, continuing our work which advocates for more recognition and protection of moveable heritage. Engineers Australia submission was informed by members and the Engineering Heritage Australia group.

One of the major concerns with the implementation of the current Act is that it delivers an unbalanced view of NSW heritage. Of the 1740 items listed on the State Heritage Register on 1 January 2021, only 27 are items of movable heritage. The submission encouraged the NSW Government to recognise and promote the many facets of heritage including movable and immovable, and tangible and intangible.

Engineers Australia reinforced these comments before the committee at a public hearing. Engineers have a strong interest in conserving Australia's significant cultural heritage because they are often involved in creating, operating and conserving cultural heritage. The Act is considered fundamentally sound however, its application and resourcing can be significantly improved.

Engineers Australia member and past chair of Engineers Australia's Engineering Heritage Australia Neil Hogg MIEAust CPEng recently spoke to *create* on this issue, outlining how **state registers could do more to protect Australia's moveable heritage**. Engineers Australia will continue to work with state and Commonwealth governments to increase awareness of the significance of protecting moveable and intangible engineering heritage.

(From Max Underhill).

EA on Demand

Recordings of some of the previous webinars organised by Engineering Heritage Australia are available on EA on Demand website ([EA on demand](#)). The latest addition is "*White Bay Power Station: Past, Present and Future*". Those who missed the webinar have the chance to watch the recording.

(From Firas Shawash).

Contributions needed

Readers are invited to share news, bright ideas, issues of concern, advice about online talks – anything that would be of interest and helpful to others, by sending them to editor

Firas Shawash at fshawash@yahoo.com for inclusion in the next Bulletin - more Australia-wide content would be appreciated.

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